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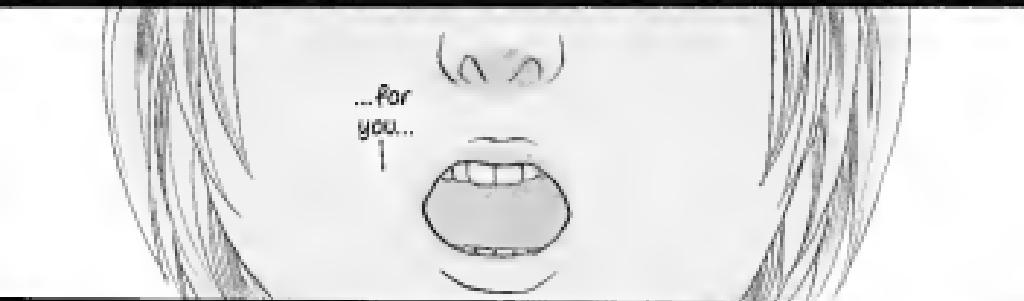
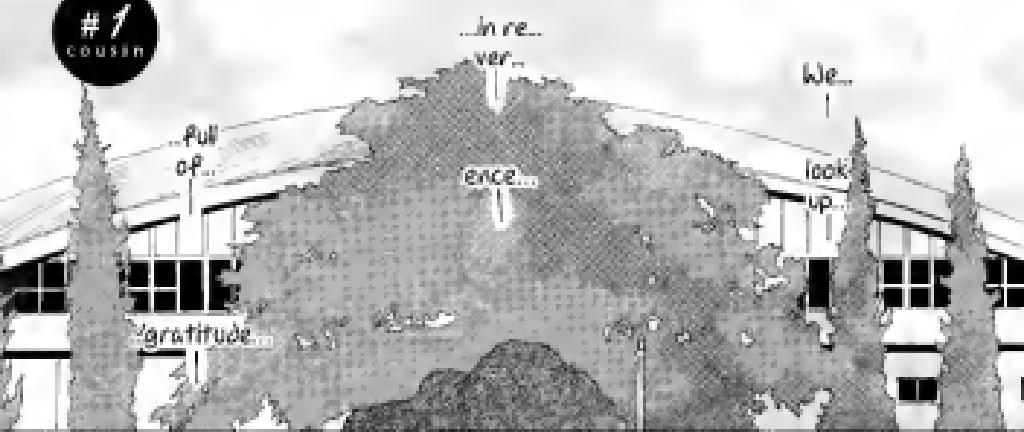
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COUSSEN



AND
THAT...

...WAS THE
LAST THING
I THOUGHT
DURING MY
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION.

HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE,
TSUBOMI
SHIRAKAWA,
EIGHTEEN YEARS
AND NINE
MONTHS OLD.

THIS
IS BAD.





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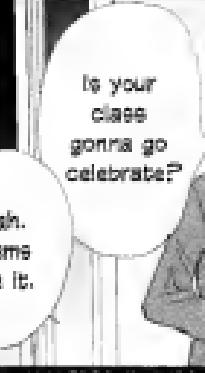
CAKE



Hey,
Bon!



You're
not going,
Bon?



Yeah.
Seems
like it.



Is your
class
gonna go
celebrate?



Yup.



You're
leaving
already?



THIS GIRL'S
SAYO NAGASE.
EVERYONE
CALLS HER
PRINCESS
SAYO.



Don't think so.
Everyone's
already got
their own
plans.

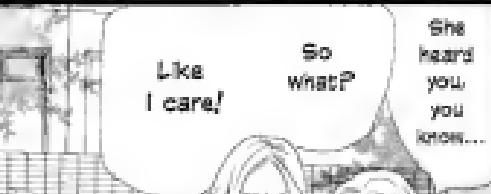


Nah.
What
about
you?



WE WERE NEVER IN THE SAME HOMEROOM, BUT SHE ALWAYS SAT NEXT TO ME DURING ELECTIVES.

PROBABLY 'CUZ SHE THOUGHT I WAS SOME LONER.



God, she's annoying.



It's not like
we're goin' out
with the guys
from class.

Why
not?

Don't
wanna.

...In hell
am I
gonna
go.
No
way...

Forget
it.

My boyfriend
and his
friends want
to celebrate!

I'VE
KNOWN ERO
KATAKURA
SINCE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.
WE EVEN LIVE
NEAR EACH
OTHER.

BUT SHE
CHANGED
ONCE WE
GOT INTO
HIGH
SCHOOL,
DYING HER
HAIR AND
STUFF.

I GUESS
THAT
WAS HER
HIGH
SCHOOL
BLOSSOM-
ING?

You're
such
a...

...bitch!

Your
personality
sucks!

Oh,
yeah?

Is that
right?

So you're
gonna be
like that,
huh?

What-
ever.

Go ask
someone
cuter.

The
hell-?



SHE WENT
THROUGH
SO MANY
BOYFRIENDS,
THAT I BARELY
REMEMBER
THE FIRST
FOUR.





ASAHI NA GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL

TO MY
BORING
HIGH
SCHOOL
LIFE.

GUESS
THIS IS
GOOD-
BYE...

HELP...







ALL THE
PEOPLE MY
AGE ARE DOING
IT THESE DAYS.
PART-TIME,
(REALLY?)

I'M NOW
A PROUD
MEMBER
OF THE
WORKING
WORLD.
A PART-
TIMER!

YOU HEARD
IT.



You're all
the rage!

Yaeuko
was
boasting
about
it.

Like
I was
saying!

I heard
she's been
scouted
many times.

That girl
on TV.

She's always
been really cute.

You
look more
mature

Who
is?!

What?

Are
brothers
or sisters
her?

You two
were probably
too young
to remember.

I told you.
She lives
with Granny
Yaeuko.

Who's a
celebrity
P!

That's
right.

She's your
cousin.



THIS IS
HER
BLOSSOM-
ING
AS A
CELEBRITY.



THIS
IS MY
BLOSSOM-
ING AS
A PART-
TIMER.

BUT, WELL...
THAT'S LIFE
I GUESS.

VIDEO DVD CD

FAMILY
OR NOT,
THERE'S A
HUGE GAP
BETWEEN
US.

...ask
Shirose.

That's it for
the orientation.
If you have
any other
questions...

Oh!
Um...
Hi.
I look
forward
to working
with you!

Hi.

Whe-
whe-
whe-

VIDEO
DVD
CD
etc.

To our customers



NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT...

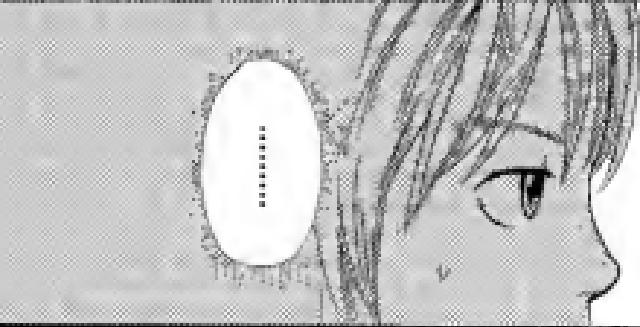
I HAVEN'T
TALKED WITH
A BOY...

...SINCE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

THIS IS
BAD.



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cousin











WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH ME?



Katakura

GUESS I
WAS WRONG.

GOT PRETTIER
AND BECAME
POPULAR.

EVEN MY
CHILDHOOD
FRIEND,
EIKO...

IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THAT.

SINCE WE GREW
UP TOGETHER,
I THOUGHT WE'D
BE THE SAME.

ONCE WE GOT
INTO HIGH SCHOOL,
SHE STARTED
DYING HER HAIR.



...I NEVER EVEN
CONSIDERED
CONFESSING.

THAT'S WHY,
WHENEVER
I HAD A
CRUSH ON
SOMEONE...

BUT ALL THE
GUYS THAT
APPROACHED
US IGNORED
ME.

IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL,
I WENT TO
THE BEACH
WITH SOME
FRIENDS.

SO I
CAN'T
REALLY
COMPLAIN
ABOUT...

IT WAS
FUN IN
ITS OWN
WAY.

AND AVOIDED
ANYTHING
THAT FELT
LIKE TROUBLE.

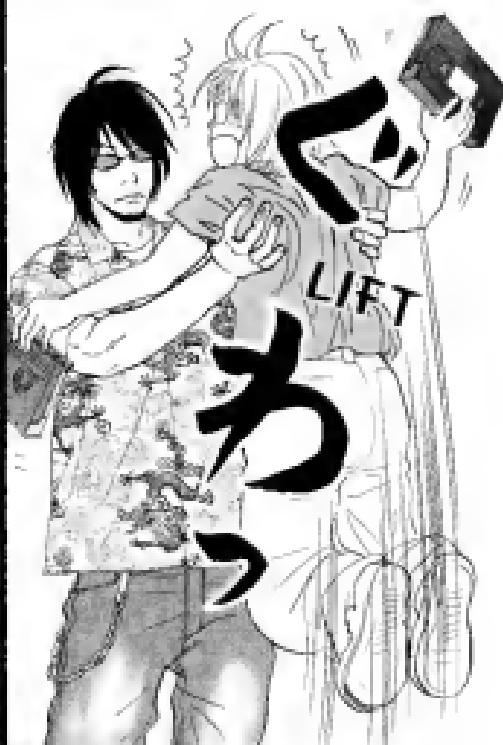
I MADE
SOME
FRIENDS...

INSTEAD,
I CHOSE
TO GO TO
AN ALL-GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL.

...HOW THINGS
TURNED OUT.

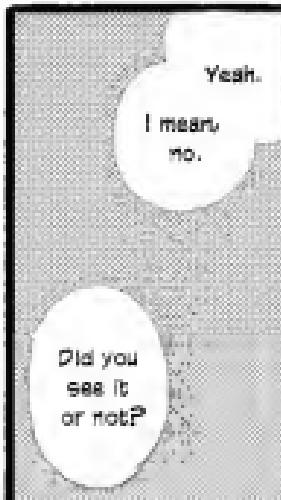
Whoa!

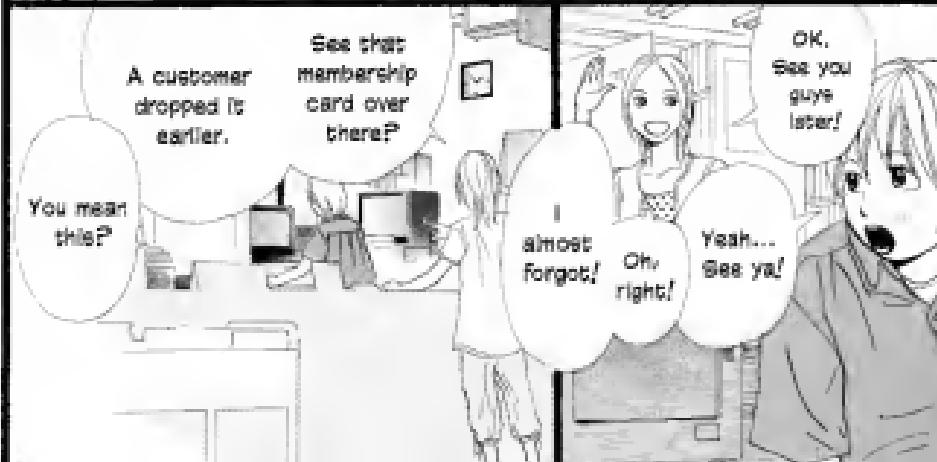


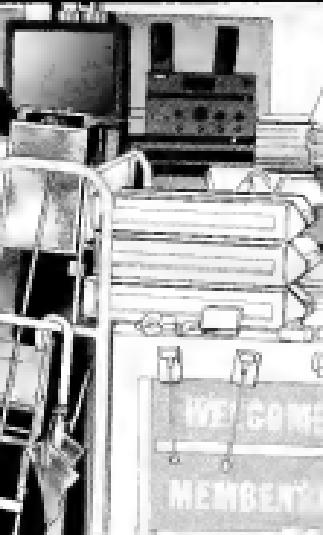




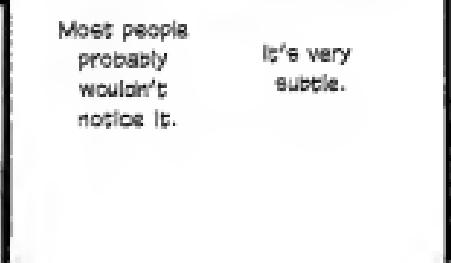
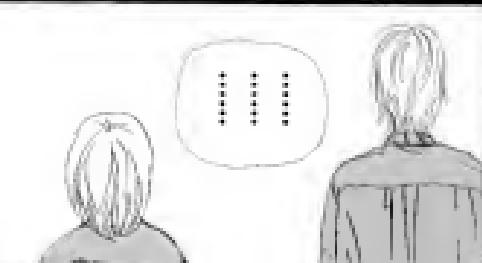
Your finger.

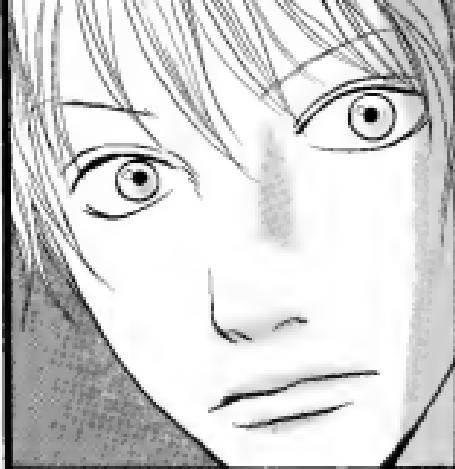












Nori
Shira-
kawa.

She's my
cousin,
you know.



I WANT
TO CHANGE

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cousin



YEAH,
RIGHT!

HUH?

YOU?!
NONI'S
COUSIN?

YOU'RE
JUST SOME
PIG!!







JUST A DREAM...
JUST A STUPID DREAM.



HOLD IT.
JUST CALM
DOWN.
THAT WAS
A DREAM.



WHEN'S
THE LAST
TIME A
DREAM
MADE
ME CRY?



ニヤリ。
GRIN









SHE'S MY
COUSIN,
YOU KNOW.

NONI
SHIRAKAWA.

So,
it's
really
true...

Oh,
OK.

It is.

Yeah...

Do you
want me
to get
you...
...her
autograph?

Are
you a
fan?

Seriously
?!

YOU'RE
JUST
SOME PIG!!

STOP IT.
THAT
WAS JUST
A DREAM.

YAHOO!!





W+
WHY'S
THIS GUY...

I'll have
a soda and...

JUST
LOOKING AT
ME AND
SMILING
LIKE THAT?

That's
because
you're always
out of it.

I tend to
run into
people
a lot...

Don't worry
about it!

Sorry again
about last
time.



MY
STOMACH...

I DONT
GET IT.

...FEELS
FUNNY, TOO.

...GETTING SO
NERVOUS?

WHY
AM I



IF EIKO'S
HERE,
THEN...

THAT'S
RIGHT!
I'LL CALL
EIKO
OVER!

The
restroom's
out that door.
Go straight
and it's on
the left.

Hey,
Bon.

WAS I
THAT
OBVIOUS?



GO FOR
IT...



...BON!



THEN...



...I'VE
GOTTA
GO FOR
IT!

IT'S A
REALLY
TINY
STEP,
BUT...

UP TILL
NOW...

No,
it wasn't.

You OK?
Was it
number 3?

Welcome
back.

...ALL I EVER
DID WAS
RUN AWAY.

Here!
Thanks for
waiting!





No way.
You don't
know Nomi
Shirakawa
??





...is really delicious!

This...



IT'S ALL
THANKS
TO NONI.

IF IT'S
ENOUGH TO
MAKE ME CRY
IN MY DREAMS,
THEN I SHOULD
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.



I'm glad
you like it.

Jambalaya



786 calories (1 portion)

Ingredients
(2 portions)

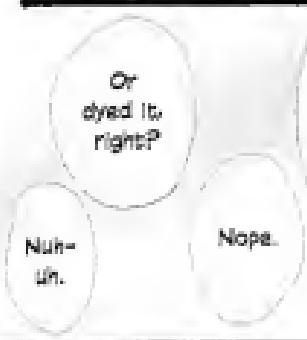
1.5 cups rice
1.2 cups raw onion
2 cloves garlic
Bacon as needed
1 paprika
Chicken (optional)
Sausage
Olive oil
Consmomé
Chili powder











...IS
THAT?

WHO...

KA-
CHAK
/ /
タ-ン
FOR CLOCK

THAT
CANT...

SNAP

...BE ME,
RIGHT?!

...NOT UP
TO NONI
STANDARDS.
(DUH)

WAIT A SEC.
ON SECOND
THOUGHT...

...MAYBE
IT'S JUST
NORMAL?

BUT
COMPARED
TO BEFORE...

WELL...

...AREN'T I
A BIT
CUTER?

IT'S
DEFINITELY...

DOESN'T
IT...

...LOOK
CUTER?

....

I MEAN.

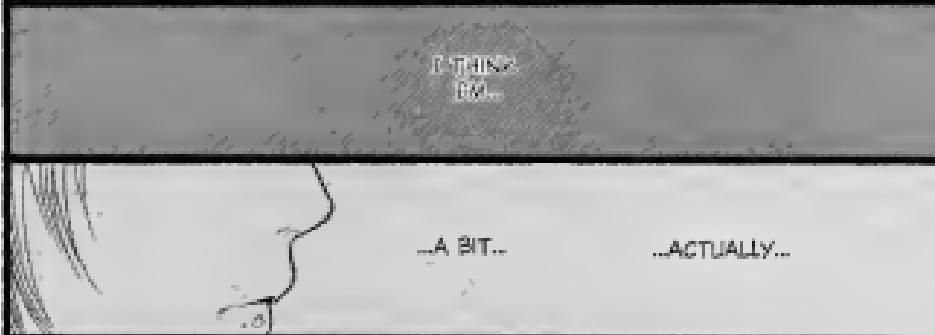
DON'T I
LOOK...

...MORE
ATTRACTIVE
NOW?





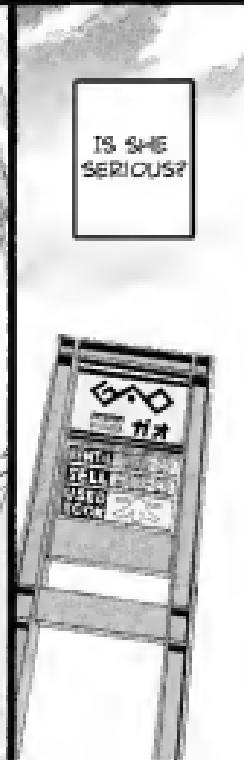




...A BIT...

...ACTUALLY...







Do you
watch these
kinds of
movies with
your girlfriend,
too?

I'll rent
this
then.

Yes.
Anything
is fine.

Like a
movie?

Really?

YOU JUST
PICKED
THE
CLOSEST
ONE.

Well,
this one's
interesting.

...watch
comedies.

Yeah.

But we
mostly...

And with
a girl
too.

Anyway,
Bon...

Isn't it
kinda
sad?

What are
you doing
here on your
day off?

So, he
has a
girlfriend





...BECAUSE
OF ME?

DON'T TELL
ME THAT
EIKO...

CAME TO
SEE SHIRO...

WAIT.

...I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
HOW GUYS
SEE ME.

...IT'S JUST
THAT FOR
THE FIRST
TIME IN
MY LIFE...

SO WORRIED,
THAT I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO.

YOU
KNOW,
EIKO...

...IS
ME.

THE ONE
WHO
KEEPS
THINKING
ABOUT
BOYS...

IT'S ALWAYS
BOYS, BOYS,
BOYS...



I KEEP
WORRYING...

AREN'T I
FORGETTING
SOMETHING?

WAIT
A SEC...

HUH?

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...and

...AND
WORRYING...

...AND
WORRYING...

-
WORRIED
ABOUT
AGAIN?

WAIT,
WHAT?

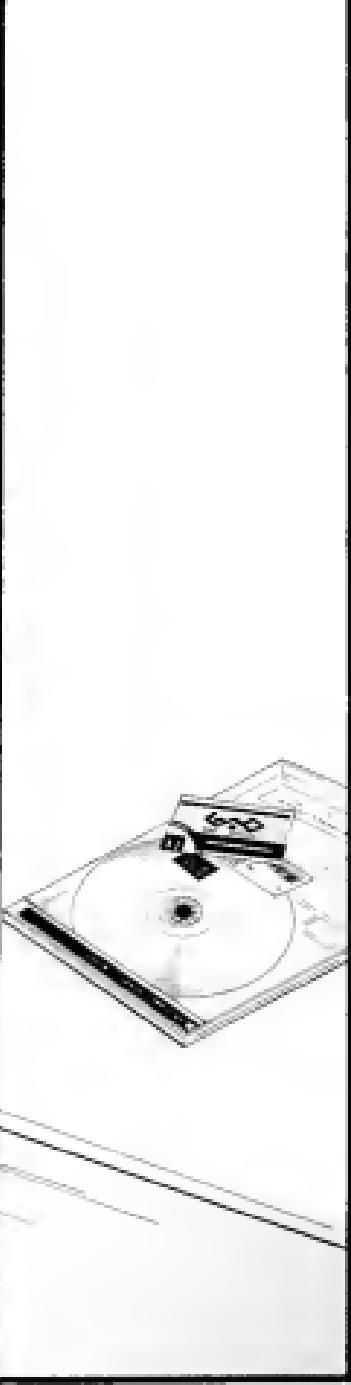
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WAS
L...

















SHIRO'S
SUCH A
JERK!

...GUYS
ARE ALL
JERKS!

NO
MATTER
HOW
OLD
THEY
ARE...

I KNEW
IT!

THAT
IDIOT!

I
WANNA
DIE!

HE'S
THE
WORST!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE SAID
THAT!

IDIOT!



noni







IT DIDN'T
FEEL LIKE
A JOKE
TO ME!

I was
just joking,
you know.

I KEEP
ACTING
LIKE A
CRYBABY.

THIS
SUCKS.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHY...

GEEZ.

WHY AM
I CRYING?





He's a
lonely
divorced.



...got
divorced
last year.
Mister
Nanukawa...



Hey,
Son.



Then
just meet
more!

I mean
we've only
met...

...two or
three
times.



So if you
want him,
now's the
time!



What
are you
saying?
I don't
even get
my own
feelings
yet.

Don't
get what?

What's
there not
to get?

Well, of course not.
You'd have to be married first.

HA
HA
HA
HA

You're thinking too much.

Being

... divorced.

I don't know how it feels.

Well,
excuse me!

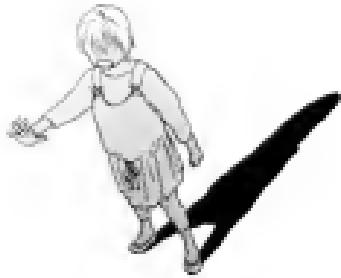
I'm not like you Shiro!

Have it your way!

Fine!

...







Don't
go!





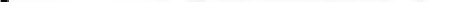
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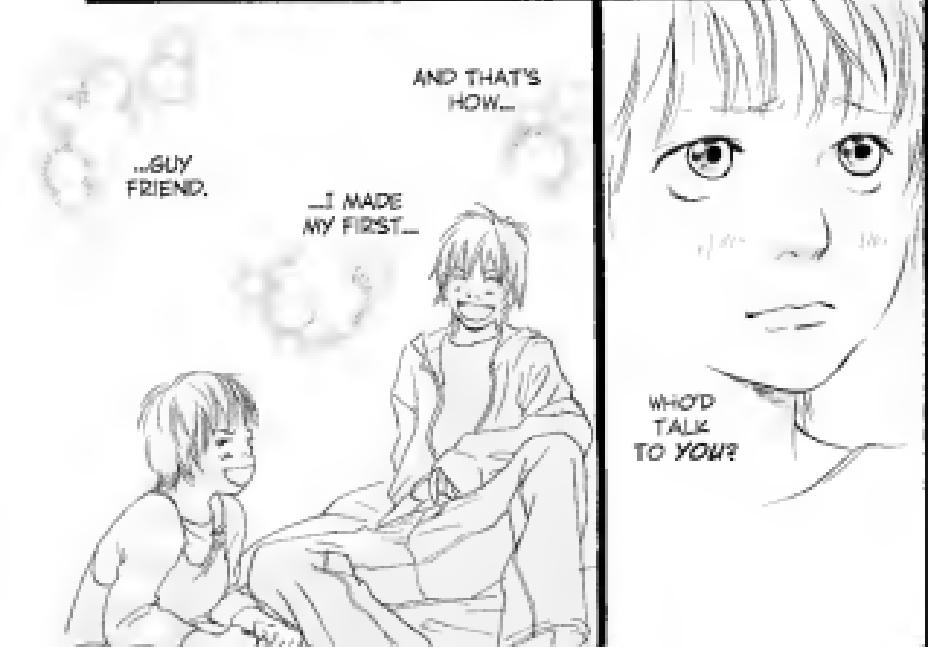


KA-CHAK

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I EVEN SURPRISED MYSELF.

ONCE I THOUGHT THAT, I JUST SHOUTED.

SHIRO'S LEAVING!

I ACTUALLY MADE A GUY FRIEND!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

RA-CHAK



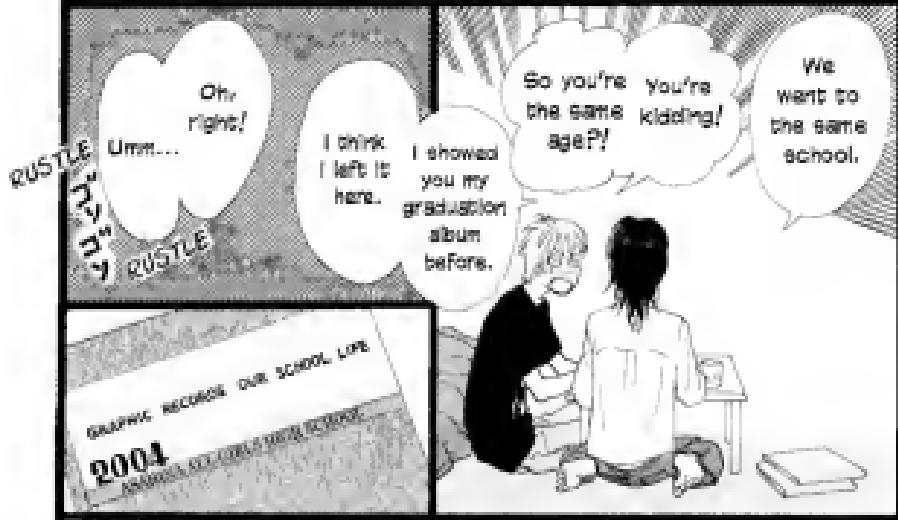








SPONTANEOUS





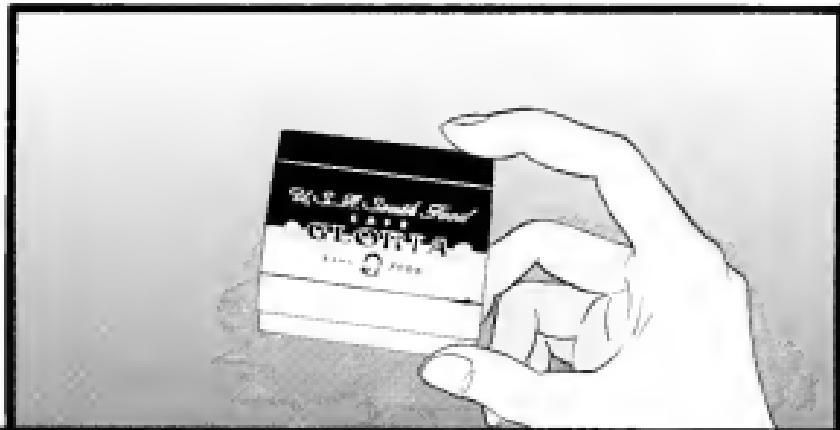
TSUBOMI SHIRAKAWA

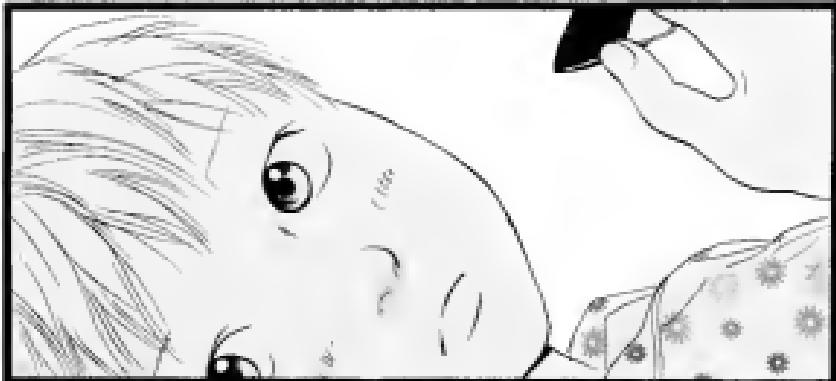


Yeah,
yeah.



RITSUKO KANAI







WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

OH
MAN...

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NEW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT.

HOW OLD
IS HE
ANYWAY?

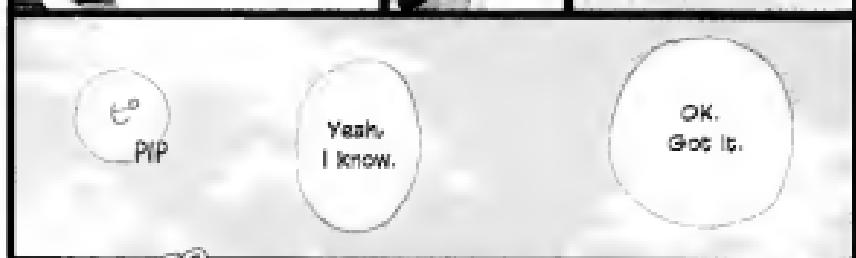
WHIRR

I MEAN
HE'S AN
ADULT.

I CAN'T
HELP BEING
NERVOUS.

TV GAME

MUSIC









OK,
WELL.

BUT,
WHEN'S
THAT?

I SAID,
"NEXT TIME."



THIS
IS BAD.
I RAN
AWAY
AGAIN.









SO EMBARRASSING!
RUNNING SO HARD
AND...
...FALLING ON MY
B-B-B-BUTT...

A BIG...
_FAT,
IDIOT!

LIKE AN IDIOT!

I MUST
LOOK SO
STUPID!

OH MY GOD!

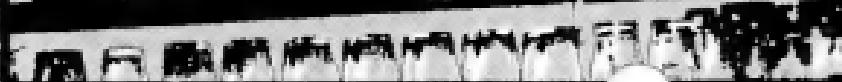
I KNEW I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE COME!

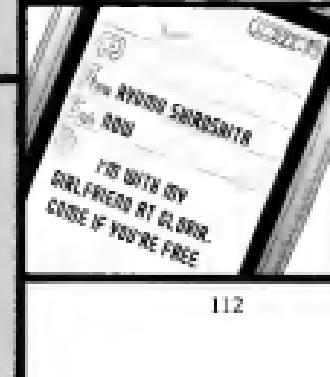


Ha ha!

Looks like I
knocked the wind
out of you!

You OKP





Come sit over here!

What're you doing over there?





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FANTASY BON





You were even friends with girls from other classes.

You're friendly, so everyone liked you.



You mean, Sayo?

The one with big eyes and a sweet face.

Umm.

What was her name again? Really?

Calling you Bon and stuff.



No, I wasn't!

Miss Popular, huh?
cool



Oh, yeah!
Sayo Hasegawa!



SHE SURE SEEKS MATURE.

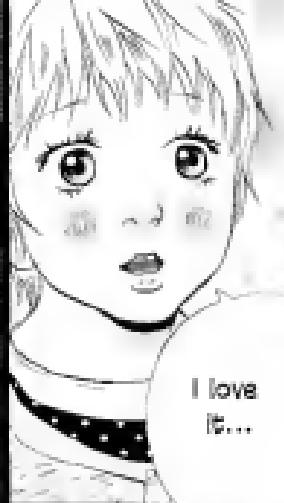
BUT, ANYWAY...

THAT'S TOTALLY NOT TRUE.



She was always saying how much she loved Bon.















I met Mister Nasukawa before work and he invited me over.

So when I finished, I rushed home.

Hey, Shiro...

I really tried my best today.



I even wore my newest clothes.

...I barely know how to use.

I took a shower, and put on makeup...



I was the only one running like mad.



I mean, I could've just walked.

But when I got off at the subway station...

...I ended up running at full speed.

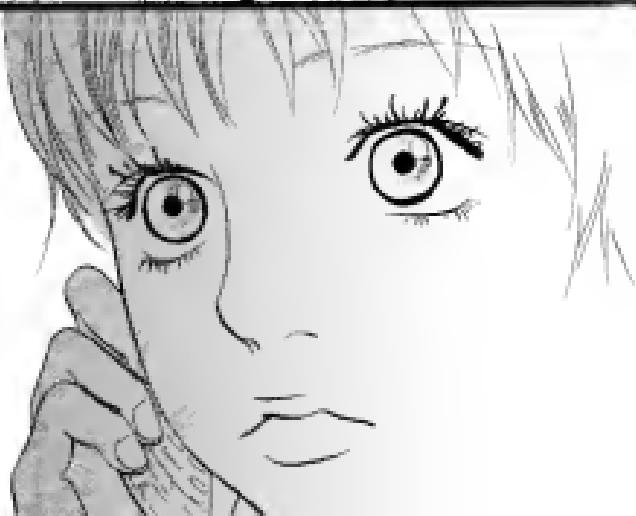
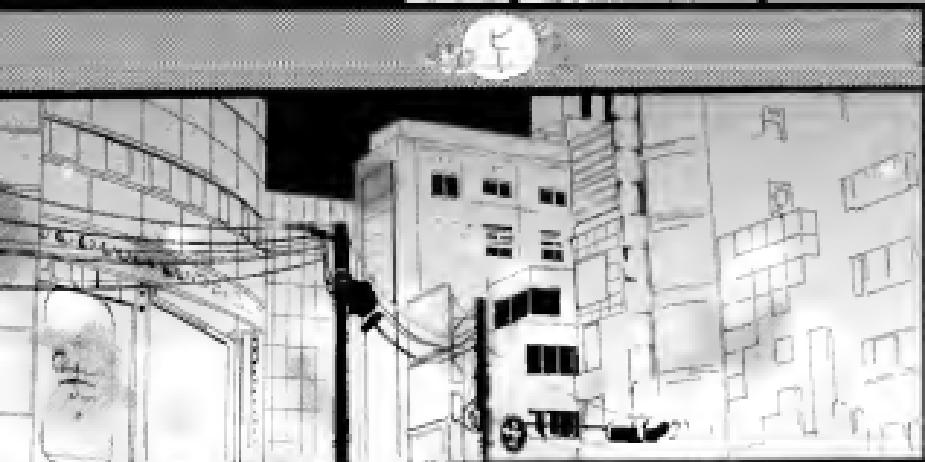


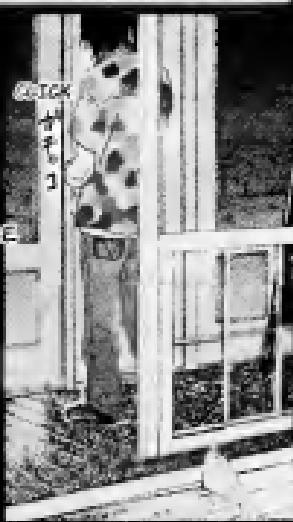
Sometimes,
there really
is only
one chance.

But you
know.
Bon...

OK.
Got it.

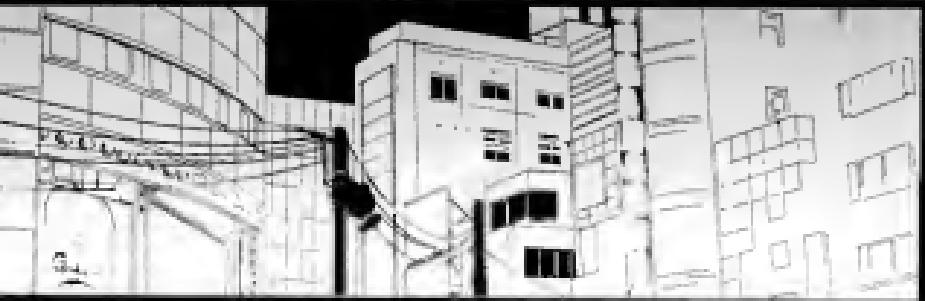
...











HE
PROBABLY
HATES ME
NOW.



HE MUST
BE TIRED
OF ME.

I MADE
HIM ANGRY.



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LET'S GO
TOGETHER,
OK?













Really?
When I was 18,
I thought anybody
30 was an
old fart.



IT FEELS
LIKE...

...THE WAY
BACK HOME?

HUH?

...WE'RE
GOING
UPHILL.

IS THIS..



Like the
view?



Wow!

It's so
pretty!

I'm
here later
than usual
tonight.

Don't
go too
far.

Hey,
Bon.

IT'S
REALLY
PRETTY!

OK.
Time
to go!

If
you...

...keep
going...

What?
That's
it?

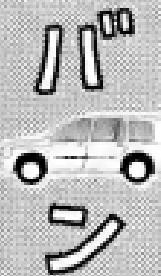
Not
enough
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CRAUNCH





SLAM





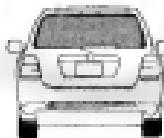
Yeah.
You're
probably
right.

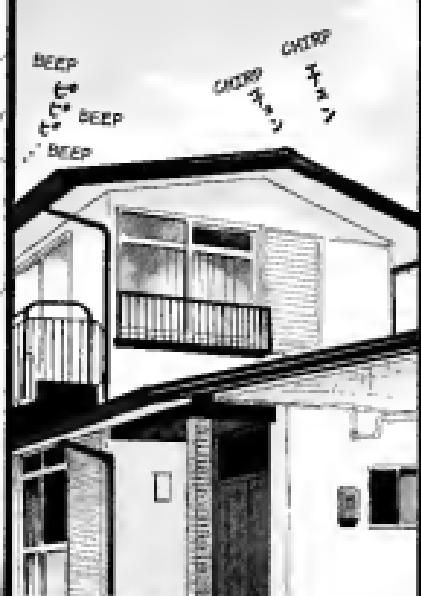
...my
mom...

...so
worry!

We should
hurry up
and leave!

I WANTED TO SAY,
"I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME!"



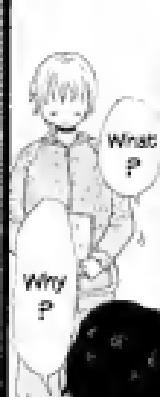


THROW

スヌーピー

Just when
did you get
back last night?

Morning.

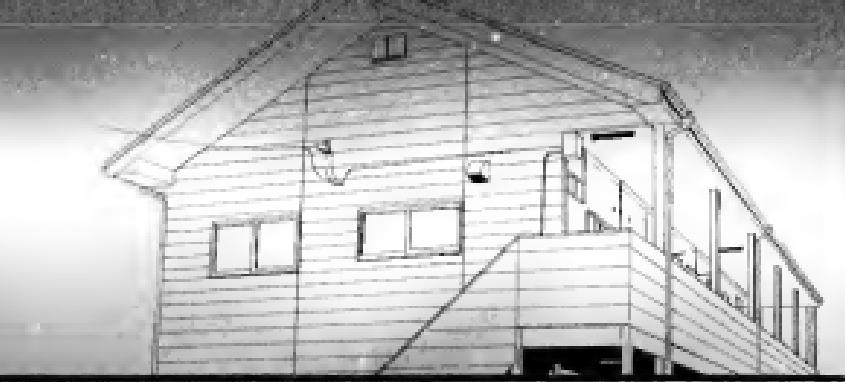


...EAT HIS
WORDS!

...OLD
DIVORCE...

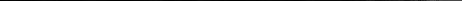
I'LL MAKE
THAT...





What?

You
don't
believe
me?



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THE ME THAT
CAN'T MOVE
FORWARD.

...BUT
REFUSES TO
ADMIT IT.

THE ME THAT
ALWAYS ENVIES
OTHERS...

...AND
GIVES UP
EASILY.

THE ME
THAT LACKS
CONFIDENCE...

...I'LL
DEFINITELY
CHANGE!

IF I SAY
IT ENOUGH
TIMES...

"YOU CAN
DO IT!
YOU CAN
CHANGE!"

I'LL KEEP
TELLING
MYSELF...

I'LL
THROW
THEM ALL
AWAY.



...OVER
AND OVER
AGAIN.

THAT'S
WHAT
I'LL DO.

I'LL KEEP
TELLING
MYSELF
THAT...

THAT'S
RIGHT...

RING RING RING



TSUBOMI SHIRAKAWA

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I DIDN'T GET YELLED AT
BY MY MOM! I'LL BE
BUSY FOR A WHILE,
BUT I'LL STOP BY WHEN
I CAN.









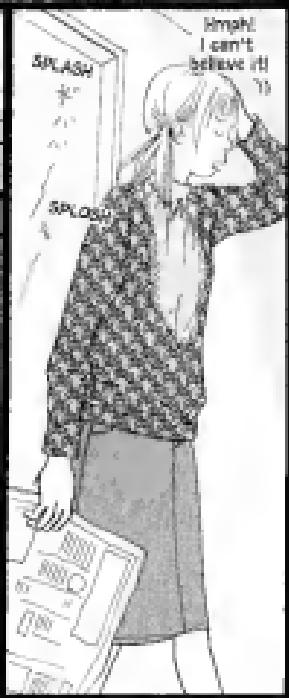
I FEEL FULL OF ENERGY
EVERY DAY. ISN'T THAT
GREAT? IT'S ALL THANKS
TO YOUR SUPPORT, SHIRO!
I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER
WHAT YOU SAID, AND TRY
MY BEST!

SEE YOU LATER!

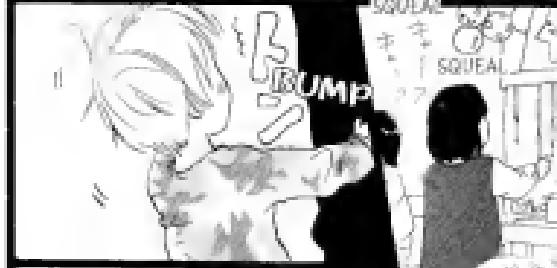


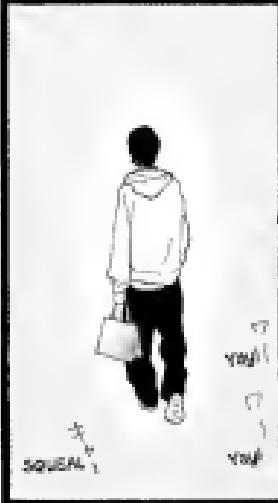
OH, RIGHT.
HOW'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
DOES SHE WORK, TOO?

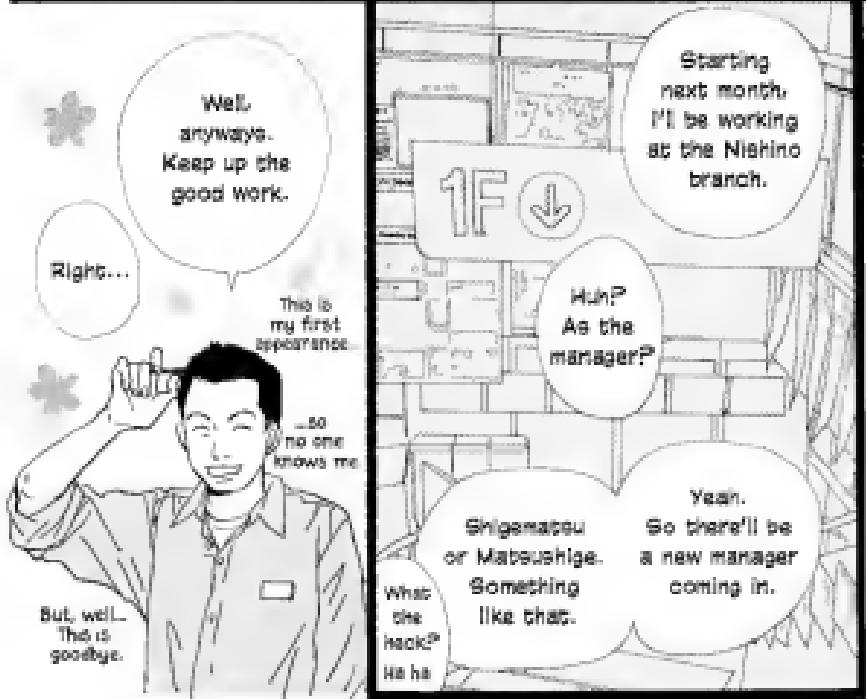
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
BEEP

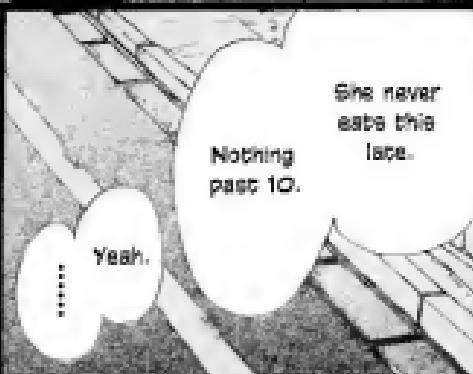






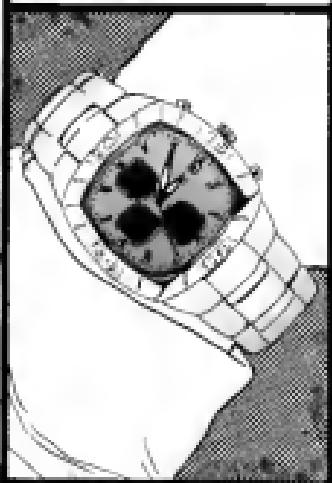


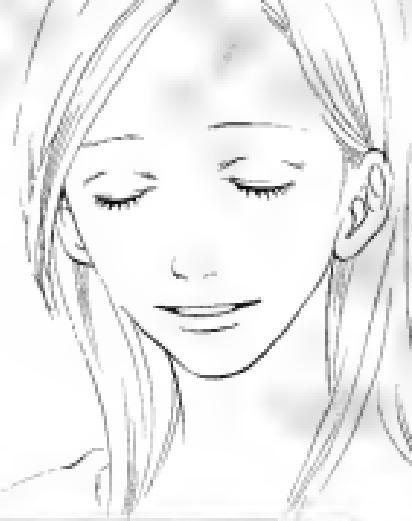






I'M REALLY SORRY!
I'LL DEFINITELY GO
NEXT TIME! THANKS
FOR ASKING THOUGH!





HUFF

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I'LL DROP BY YOUR SHOP LATER...

...SO DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME!

THANKS.

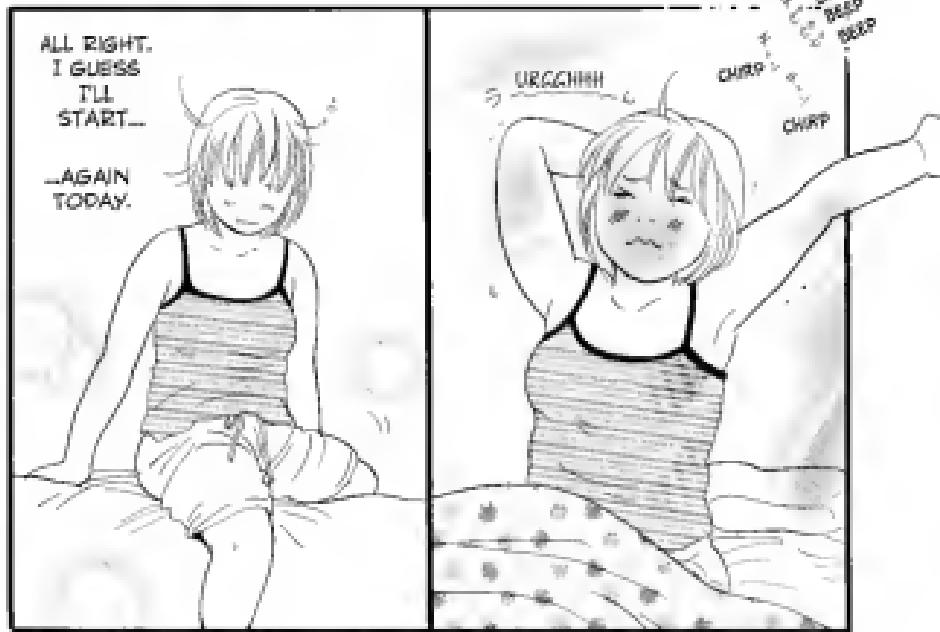
RIGHT NOW I'M...

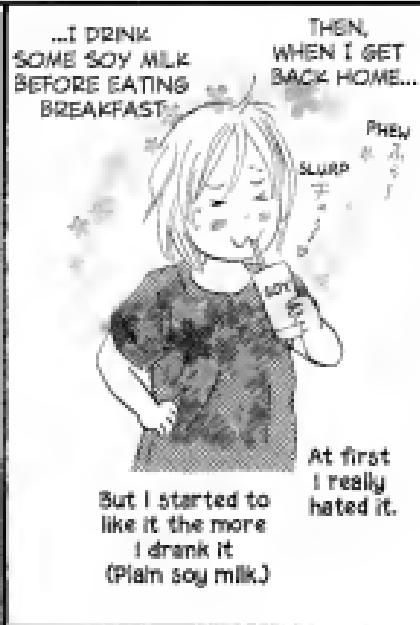
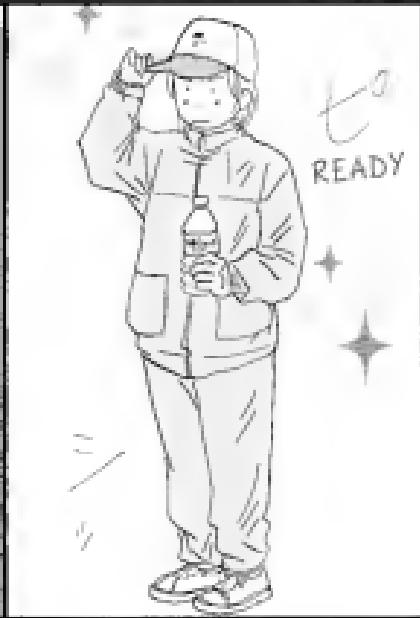
TRYING MY BEST AT A LOT OF THINGS.

I FEEL MOTIVATED
EVERY DAY,
SO I'M TRYING MY BEST!
OK,
TALK TO YOU LATER!

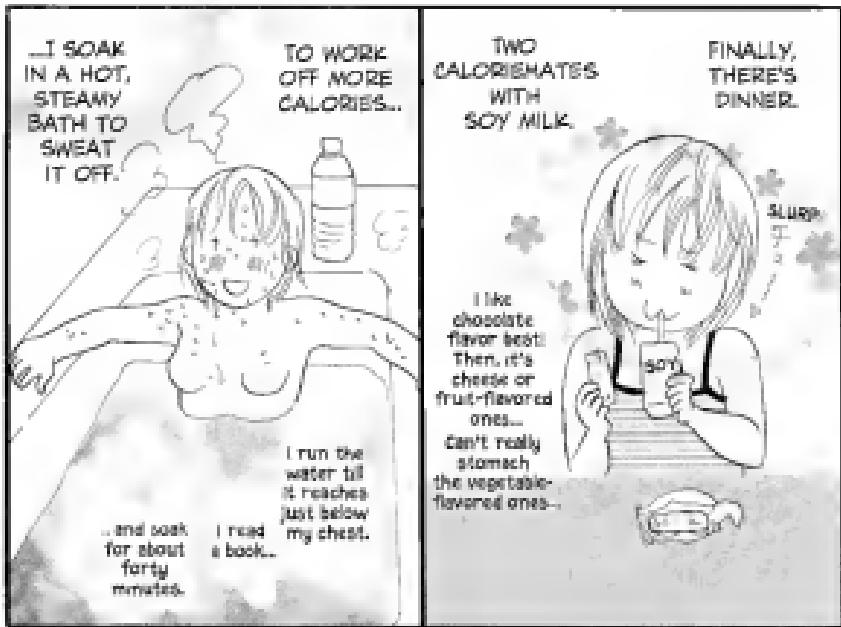
I'M GOING
TO CHANGE!

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